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**Auditor Edelen releases audit of Kentucky's Title VI (Civil Rights) reporting
and implementation plans**

All 23 state agencies receiving federal funds submitted a plan

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 12, 2012) – State Auditor Adam Edelen today released the fiscal year 2010-2011 Title VI compliance audit of state government agencies that receive federal funds and must comply with state law by submitting Title VI reports and implementation plan updates to the auditor's office and the Human Rights Commission by July 1 of each year.

Title VI of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits any state agency receiving federal funds from denying access to a program on the basis of race, color or national origin.

In reviewing the plans, auditors found all 23 agencies had complied with state law and submitted a plan, and all plans had been submitted before the deadline.

In their most recent review, auditors tested the 23 agencies for 13 compliance requirements and found one exception with the submitted plans – The Department of Education did not sufficiently address requirements for minority representation on its planning or advisory board. Last year, auditors found three exceptions and all three were the same non-compliance issue. The three agencies were the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, Department of Education and KET.

In additional testing, auditors found all of the 23 agencies developed a written LEP plan, which improves access to services for persons with Limited English Proficiency.

Each agency will receive a copy of the report that will notify them of areas of non-compliance in accordance with Kentucky law.

Auditors recommend that agencies with non-compliance issues carefully review the provided laws and regulations to determine necessary actions to take in order to comply with the Title VI reporting requirements.

Kentucky lawmakers in 1994 established the Title VI reporting requirements. The auditor's office sends its findings to the governor, the Legislative Research Commission, the Human Rights Commission and each state agency, as well as to the federal government for review. An agency's failure to submit a Title VI report and implementation plan could possibly result in a loss of federal funds.

The [audit report](#) can be found on the auditor's website.

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